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SUBJECT: REPORTED CUTBACKS IN UNDP PROGRAM FOR MALI

REF: 1) BAMAKO 4712; 2) STATE 283820; 3) STATE 291438

1. IF THE MALI GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THAT UN PROGRAMS FOR MALI ARE BEING REDUCED BECAUSE OF THE VOTING PATTERN IT RECORDED AT THE UN, THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME POSSIBILITY THAT THIS MISAPPREHENSION MIGHT HAVE A HEALTHY EFFECT. FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION, HOWEVER, THE FACTS IN THIS REGARD ARE SET FORTH BELOW.

2. DEPARTMENT REPEATING REF 3 TO BAMAKO, WHICH ALONG WITH REF 2 PROVIDES ANALYSIS OF UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FINANCIAL LIQUIDITY PROBLEM AND STEPS UNDERWAY TO DEAL CONFIDENTIAL

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WITH IT. AS INDICATED IN PARA 5 OF REF 2, UNDP 21ST

GOVERNING COUNCIL NOW MEETING IN NEW YORK WILL DEAL, INTER ALIA, WITH ADJUSTMENT OF PROGRAM DELIVERY LEVEL IN 1976 TO MEET SHORTFALL IN AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT OVERALL SPENDING TARGETS - INDICATIVE PLANNING FIGURES (IPF'S) - FOR THE FIRST FIVE YEAR PROGRAM CYCLE (1972-76) WILL BE REDUCED, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY WELL BE A STRETCHOUT IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN PROJECTS AND DELAYS IN COMMENCING NEW ONES. THIS FOLLOWS GENERAL

GUIDELINES SENT TO UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES AND IS APPLICABLE TO ALL COUNTRIES. THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE SPECIAL TREATMENT, MEANING LESS RIGOROUS APPLICATION OF PROGRAM RESTRAINT IN 1976.

3. IN DOCUMENTATION FOR THE 21ST GOVERNING COUNCIL (DOC. DP/166) THE UNDP ADMINISTRATOR HAS RECOMMENDED AN INCREASE FOR MALI'S IPF IN THE 2ND PROGRAM CYCLE (1977-81) TO A SPENDING LEVEL OF DOLLARS 26 MILLION FROM THE CURRENT DOLLARS 10 MILLION LEVEL OF THE FIRST CYCLE. IPF LEVELS ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO BASIC CRITERIA RELATING TO POPULATION AND GNP PER CAPITA. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL FUNDING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (INCLUDING MALI). THE FINAL IPF LEVELS MAY NOT BE DECIDED BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL UNTIL ITS MEETING IN JUNE 1976.

4. THE SOURCE OF THE EMBASSY'S INFORMATION IS NOT IDENTIFIED AS THE UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND THUS HE MAY NOT BE FULLY INFORMED ON THE OVERALL FUNDING PROSPECTS FOR MALI. IN CONCLUSION, WHILE THE 1976 UNDP FUNDED PROGRAM IN MALI MAY WELL BE SMALLER THAN EXPECTED, THE LONGER TERM PROSPECTS ARE FOR A SUBSTANTIALLY ENLARGED PROGRAM.

5. COMMENT: WHILE DISENCHANTMENT WITH THE UN GENERALLY MAY RESULT IN DECREASES IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS BY SOME GOVERNMENTS TO THE UNDP, THESE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TO A GENERAL FUND OUT OF WHICH THE IPF'S ARE ALLOCATED
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AND DONORS CANNOT SPECIFY REDUCTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. KISSINGER

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